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Old Timer's Night 2013 PMRC most senior members



Jack K3CHR; Tom W1HRO; Al W3STW; Dick W3RM and Sam K3GBA

This month –

Christmas

Hanukah

Club Elections

Check out the news from Fred KA3IRJ and Reuven KB3EHW

Official Field Day results: PMRC's came in at 324th highest score earning 4302 points from 1216 confirmed QSO's.

324	W3EM	4,302	5A	1,216	2	W3PSH	EPA	40	Phil-Mont Mobile RC
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73 de Andrew, KC2PMW

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		Sunday Morning Net Schedules • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater	
Committees Audit: NS3K Blurb folding: KB3IV & N3GLU Directory: KB3IV	DX: N3MT Emerg.Coor: K3HWE Field Day: KE3QB Internet: N3QV & KC2PMW Membership: N3XKE	Net Control: KB3IV Publicity: W3RM Program: Club VP Public Service: KE3QB Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK	Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW

All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital**, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org.

License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV

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The Prez Sez ...

Hello everyone hope you are all doing well, right now we are going thru some of the coldest weather that we've had all winter and I'm sure there's more to come. The forecasters keep claiming this winter is going to have above normal temps, I sure hope that they're right.

Well if you missed the November meeting with the "Old Timers Night" program, you missed a good meeting. It's always a pleasure hear stories of ham radio and the early days of our club from our most experienced operators.

Anyway if you missed November you sure don't want to miss December, it's our annual election meeting and a very important time for our organization, so everyone please try to make every effort to make the meeting. We need your input to make this a fun and successful night.

Speaking of the meeting there's going to be a major change soon, this is all in the works right now so it's very important to stay tuned and check into the net to stay informed of the new changes.

Lastly, it's been a fun 2 years at the helm of Phil-Mont and now it's time to step down for the new president, thank you all for your support and maybe down the road we can do it again.

Here's hoping everyone has a joyous holiday season which started with thanksgiving, so be safe, stay warm, and I'll see you all at the meeting.

73 Bob, KB2ERL

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Birthdays & Tidbytes

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Eric Marano - N3QV
 02 Don Gordon -WB3KOJ
 Patricia Katz (XYL N3OWM)

08 Jules Stein - KB3AFH

16 James Day - WA3QED
 19 Larry Stevenson - K3HWE
 21 Rick Spencer - N3FD

22 Michelle London-KB3MTW
 24 Richard DeVirgiliis – ND3B
 Marty Weinberg - WP4MSX
 25 Jim McCloskey - NS3K
 27 Mindy Pollack (XYL N3VLC)

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C. had:

83 Full paid members
 10 Family members
 2 Youth members
 1 Honorary member



***The VE test sessions are Thursday evening
 the 19th and Saturday the 7th this month.
 As always, many thanks to our VE team!***

From the Secretary...

BoD mtg 11/6

The meeting started at 20:10 hours with W3STW, W3RM, W3AOK, WU3I, KB3SJS, K3GBA, WA3KIO, KB2ERL, ND3B, KB3IV in attendance. Treasurer Dick reports all is well with the club's finances. Bill said the repeaters are fine. Rick said the Blurb is usually limited to 8 pages in response to a query from Al. VP Al also listed the candidates for the upcoming election in December. (See slate on page...) Nominations are also to be solicited at the November meeting. Three directors are to continue in 2014: WU3I, KB3SJS and KB3MIV. Since Jen is unavailable for meetings due to work she agreed that her position be assigned to someone else. The board will make this decision in January. President Bob asked about club hats, jackets etc. It was agreed that several quotes be obtained and he is pursuing it. The annual donation of \$75 to the radio station where board meetings are held was approved and a request from Jack, WA3BXH was relayed to the board for a first time donation to the Ambler Ambulance Association since we use that facility for our VE test sessions. After some discussion it was agreed to donate \$150 since we use it every month for evening sessions plus 4 Saturday sessions per year. Meeting adjourned at 21:20 hrs.

Membership mtg 11/13

President Bob opened the meeting at 19:50 hours and asked for reports. Bill reports repeaters are operating fine and we're looking for a third off-site location.

Jim, NS3K informed the attendees that the Thursday night VE test session is moved up to the 19th due to the holiday. Also there is a quarterly Saturday session on the 7th at 09:00 hours.

John, KB3SJS offered copies of the bylaws for those wishing them provided by his XYL Keiko, KB3SJT. (Last amended 5/20/13)

Treasurer Dick, W3RM states that the club's finances are healthy and dues bills will be mailed soon. He reminded everyone that both club dues and any contribution to the Scholarship Fund are tax deductible. The club awards two scholarships per year the process being handled by the Foundation for Amateur Radio aka FAR.

A suggestion was made to allow dues payments via Paypal and the subject will be discussed by the board.

VP Al, W3STW spoke about the upcoming election and asked for nominations from the floor. None being offered he declared nominations closed. Some members requested digital copies of the Blurb and it was suggested that queries be put in the Blurb to see if more would prefer it that way. (This would save some postage each month.)

This was Old Timer's night and it was a pleasure to see the senior members who attended. Steve brought a Goombahdee plaster plaque. The winner of the title for longest licensed operator went to Sam, K3GBA with 67 years. The runners up were Dick, W3RM: 64 yrs., Al, W3STW: 63 yrs., Tom, W1HRO: 60 yrs., and Jack, K3CHR: 56 yrs. Not quite making the 50 year mark was Doug, WA3DSP with *only* 48 years.

Fred having success in Sunbury:

Dear ARRL VEC:

Just wanted to let you know that the inaugural test session for our newly formed VE Team here in Sunbury, PA went very well and we had two candidates take their exams successfully, one earning a new Tech license and one a returning ham who earned his General.

The test results, fees, and excess materials have been packed up and will be mailed out Monday, and I have also scheduled our next session for Saturday November 16, 2013 @ 0930 via the ARRL website. Our sessions will run bi-monthly thereafter, on the third Saturday of all odd numbered months.

Thank you for the excellent support and for all your help in making our first test session a success!

73 and Best Regards,

Fred Uebelhoer - SMARTS VE Team Liaison
KA3IRJ

**More pictures from
Old Timer's Night**
*(The good ones were taken by
Doug, WA3DSP)*



Reuven's efforts brings good news from UofP

The Upenn ARC had sent an email to alumni that they were looking for help running an exam session, and that they had a number of candidates looking to take exams. I was not at the time VE Accredited (I now am), so I passed the message on to Jim (NS3K) who was happy to help out. There were 12 candidates at the exam session- 9 from Penn, 2 from Temple, and 1 from Drexel (my brother Jon who was at the meeting, though he graduated a few years ago). The other VEs were Drexel ARC president KB3WLN and Upenn club alum W1YS, but Jim did all the "heavy lifting". Afterwards, the club president (Alfredo, KC3BBL) asked me to thank Jim and Phil-mont for the help.

There had been little to no student interest since about 1999, when the faculty advisor Harry/Haralambos Kritikos retired; it had been operated as an alumni group since 2006 mostly handled by Russ WA3FRP. This past year a few students decided to re-form the club. They decided to call it "The Wireless Club of the University of Pennsylvania" - Both because they intend to expand to more than just ham radio, and because that was the original club name from 1909. They created a promotional video that shows some of the capabilities of ham radio:
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_bj_PDPcr0)
(Preview) and asked interested engineering professors to play it for their classes. They managed to recruit a nice group of a dozen or so students. One of the activities they have done thus far is to demonstrate resonance of antennas by hooking a bunch of the \$15 RTL/SDR dongles to a run of coax ending in a dipole antenna, and looking at the signal levels when they cut the antenna to various lengths. Alfredo said one of the later activities might involve the club buying a bunch of the Baofeng HTs and doing various activities with them. Their website is <http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~uparc/> and includes a lot of interesting historical information.

de Reuven, KB3EHW

For Sale:

Check out this rope for your antenna project – 3/32" Braided Olive Drab - Dacron / Polyester cord
This is a high quality braided polyester cord with a breaking strength of 210 pounds. Proudly Made in the U.S.A.!

Icom IC-756 PRO III for sale. Radio is in excellent condition, used in a non-smoking environment.
Asking \$1900 or reasonable offer.

Contact Frank KB2AYS at 609-312-9392
(de Bob, ERL)

Arrow dual band 2M/70 cm J-Antenna. High quality CNC- manufactured antenna with solid elements, SO-239 connector for single coax feed, and all original stainless steel hardware. Like new condition. \$35.

Contact W3NE@Comcast.net

Asus netbook win 7 home 150.00
Motorola zoom, droid 4.1 200.00
LDG Autotuner at200pc 75.00

Contact Ted Katz N3OWM, 856-663-5962

A bit of Punography:

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
When chemists die they Barium.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid.
He says he can stop anytime.

OK, stop groaning. They weren't *that* bad!

HERE COMES DA JUDGE

It's election time again for Phil-Mont. I will have to find my robe and gavel for the December meeting, since I have been selected as Judge of Elections.

Please review the list of candidates for office for 2014. You will be asked to vote for three candidates out of five for Director. The rest of the offices are uncontested.

President	Fred Uebelhoer	KA3IRJ
Vice President	Al Tribble	W3STW
Treasurer	Jim McCloskey	NS3K
Secretary	Doug Crompton	WA3DSP

Directors

Rick DeVirgiliis	ND3B
Sam Smith	K3GBA
Fred Rice	WA3KIO
Eric Marano	N3QV
Dick Moll	W3RM

Voting will take place on December 11 at the Annual Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club at Roxborough Memorial Hospital. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit an absentee ballot to the Judge of Elections using any one of the following methods.

Email: kb3iv@comcast.net
Phone: 215-520-5166
Mail: Ed Masarsky
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Warrington, Pa 18976

December at Phil-Mont

- 1 Sun W3MHP NCS
- 5 Chanukah ends
- 7 Sat VE Session 09:00
 Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 Sun KB3SJS NCS
- 15 Sun KB3IV NCS
- 19 Thur Evening VE Session
- 22 Sun W3STW NCS
- 25 Wed Christmas
- 29 Sun N3QV NCS

If you would prefer to receive a digital copy of the Blurb each month please let me know. Also tell me if you want the hard copy mailed also.

Rick, ND3B

Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and the Digital net on Tuesday nights.

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